

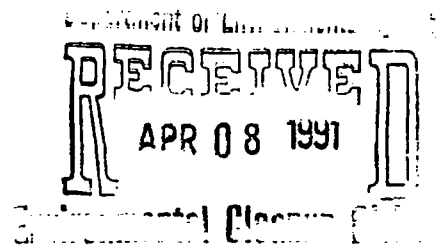
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VIA FACSIMILE

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Re: Ecology and Environment, Inc.

Dear Ms. Levine:

Pursuant to our recent conversation, I understand that Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E&E) has completed their review of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) submitted on behalf of Joslyn Manufacturing Co. (Joslyn) and Columbia Steel Casting Co., Inc. (Columbia). That review has resulted in the determination that E&E requires additional sampling be completed. More specifically, E&E requires four sediment and two surface water samples from Center Pond; and five sediment and surface water samples from the Columbia Slough Side Channel, at both upgradient and downgradient locations.

After discussions with L. Guy Marshall of Columbia, it has been agreed that Joslyn-Columbia will conduct the sediment and surface water sampling in the Center Pond area, as part of the forthcoming RI/FS. Hopefully, this will help to minimize cost and avoid duplicate work. However, the slough is another matter. It is the position of Joslyn and Columbia that any sampling of the slough not be completed as part of the forthcoming RI/FS. It is our position that any slough sampling at the present time is premature, pending the analytical results of the four sediment and two surface water samples from Center Pond. In addition, the slough itself is offsite of the Columbia property; and is a complex body of water, contributed to by many other sources not connected in any way to the Columbia property. For instance, an upstream landfill, a truck wash, and several other outfalls contribute to the contents of the slough. It is, therefore, our position that Center Pond be evaluated first, before any sampling be conducted in the slough.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (312) 454-2865. Both Joslyn and Columbia remain committed to voluntary implementation of the RI/FS with the oversight of the Oregon DEQ, and look forward to the successful completion of the RI/FS.

Sincerely,

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